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In re Application of
Ronald L. MAHANY, et al.
Application No. 10/646,318
Filed: August 22, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 14366US02

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 24, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, the signature of Michael T. Cruz appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

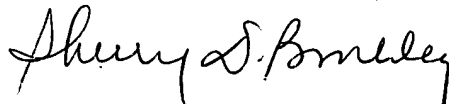
The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, August 15, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 16, 2005.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay¹.

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Monica A. Graves at (571) 272-7253.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2876 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherry D. Brinkley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sherry D. Brinkley
Petitions Examiner
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